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SUBJECT: LAGOS CONFERENCE: HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST 22 SPEECH BY  
NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO

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ADDITIONAL COMMENT ON OBASANJO SPEECH: MOST OF THE POINTS  
MADE IN SPEECH APPEAR TOO VAGUELY WORDED TO GAUGE THE ACTUAL  
IMPACT ON AMERICAN COMPANIES, INCLUDING NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN  
TRANSNATIONALS, WHICH OPERATE IN BOTH NIGERIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.  
THREATENED SURVEILLANCE MAY NOT GO MUCH BEYOND EXISTING  
INFORMAL PRESSURES. ON OTHER HAND, IT COULD ATTEMPT TO  
EMULATE THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO  
RAW MATERIALS OBVIOUSLY SPOTLIGHTS OIL COMPANIES, PARTICULARLY  
MOBIL, DEALING WITH BOTH NIGERIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. ALTHOUGH  
MORE SPECIFIC, THE BOYCOTT OF CONTRACTORS IS ALSO AMBIGUOUS;  
PRESS VERSIONS OF THIS PORTION IMPLIED THAT IT IS AIMED AT  
FIRMS DEALING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ITSELF BUT  
THE SPEECH TEXT IS NOT SO LIMITED. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, AT THIS  
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POINT THE ONLY LARGE AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION FIRM WHICH MAY BE  
AFFECTED IS BECHTEL CORP., WHICH IS CLOSE TO FORMING A  
CONSTRUCTION JOINT VENTURE WITH THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT (FMG)  
ITSELF. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF EXTENT OF ITS BUSINESS IN SOUTH  
AFRICA BUT ONE OF THE MANY NEGOTIATORS IT HAS PERIODICALLY  
SENT HERE IS BASED IN JOHANNESBURG. DRAVO CORP. OF PITTSBURGH  
AND SHARP BROTHERS OF KANSAS CITY ARE ALSO DISCUSSING

CONSTRUCTION JOINT VENTURES WITH FMG.  
EASUM

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